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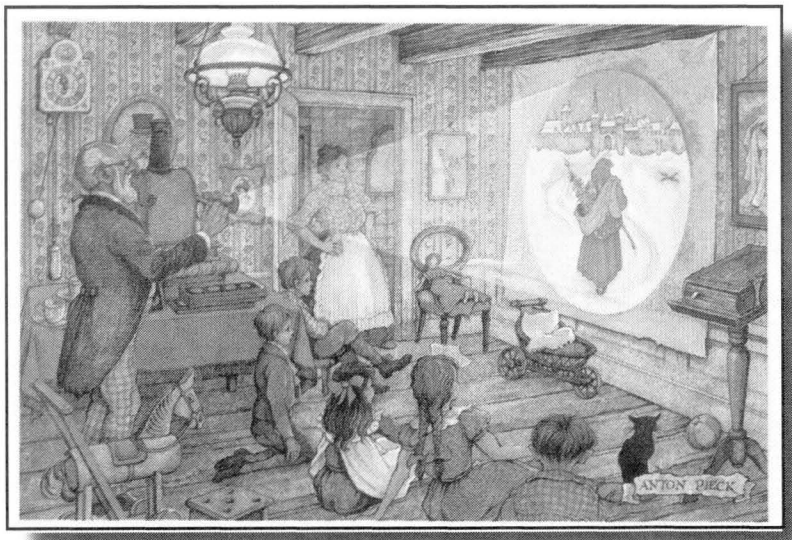


and share the magic.

See inside for complete registration form and information for the 12th International Convention

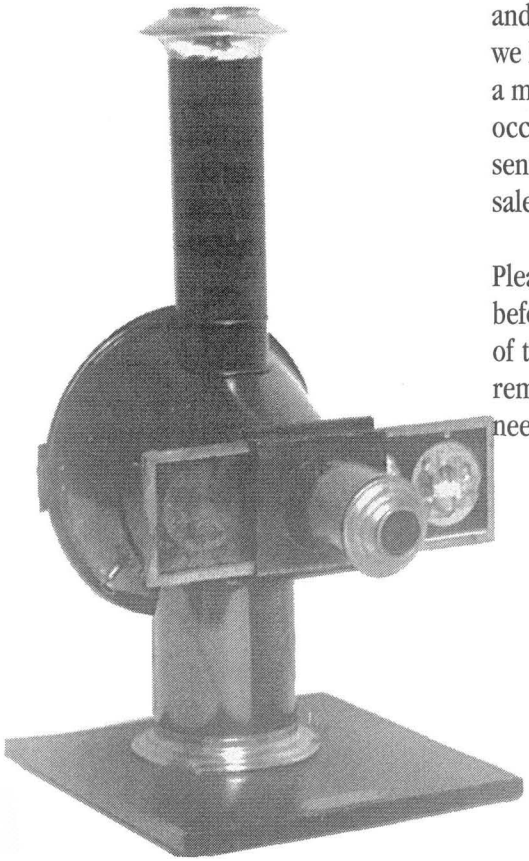
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

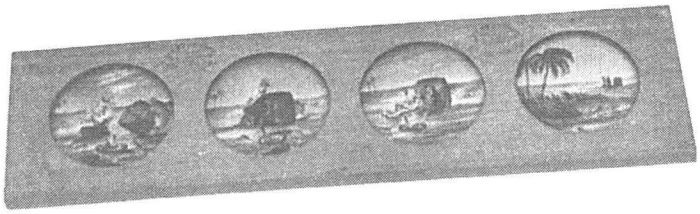
By Sharon Koch

Happy holidays to one and all! Many of us have been outside raking leaves, putting those warmer clothes in the closet, and making preparations for winter weather. We've almost come to the end of 2005, and much has happened since a little over one year ago when I took office at the San Antonio convention. We've all been affected by world events such as the continuing Iraq War, tsunami and hurricanes, and rising fuel prices, to name just a few. A few of us have been in touch with fellow member Steve Barnes from New Orleans, a Katrina victim who continues to endure the daily struggle of dealing with the cleanup and repair of his flooded home and possessions. We wish him well and continue to offer our help with restoration when he reaches that point. He hopes to join us in July at the convention, and we hope to see him there.

We continue to welcome new members, and have made progress in promoting our society and educating the public about the magic lantern. It's amazing how many questions we have received via email, and how many times I've answered the question, "What is a magic lantern?" I now carry a glass slide around with me, just to show off when the occasion arises! We should all have the great handout Larry Cederblom designed and sent to all of us with the Gazette mailing. They are being mailed with members' eBay sales and hopefully, handed out to those attending our lantern shows.

Please read about the 2006 Seattle convention in this issue, fill out and mail your forms before they get lost in the "to do" pile , make your hotel reservations, and contact any of the members in our Northwest group if you have questions. I might add a gentle reminder to fill out your officer nomination forms, and send them to Ralph Shape. We need to hear from ALL of you!





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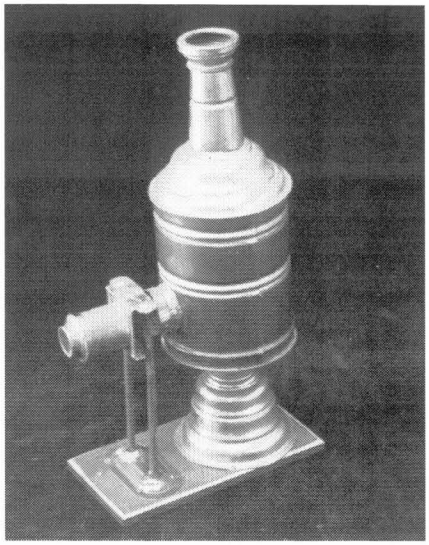
2006 Magic Lantern Convention Update

Skidaddle to Seattle

By Ralph Shape



The Magic Lantern Society of the United States and Canada returns to the Northwest in July.

Make your plans now for a great time at the twelfth international convention. The northwest group committee is meeting monthly to insure that planning is complete.

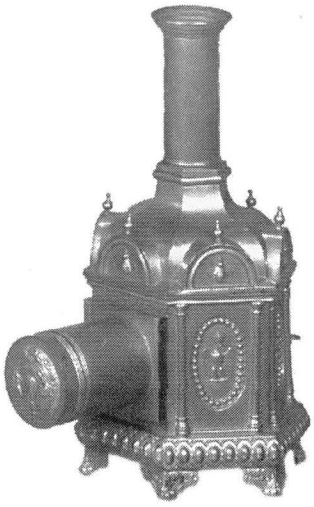
Of great concern to many is a comfortable place to stay. The convention will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on Fifth Avenue located in the heart of downtown Seattle. It offers deluxe accommodations with spectacular views of downtown and Puget Sound. Two rooms on the third floor are reserved for our presentations and sales area. The fifth floor Terrace Garden Restaurant offers the largest outdoor dining terrace in the downtown area. For casual dining the Elephant and Castle Pub & Restaurant is on the ground floor. Summertime hotel rooms are hard to come by in Seattle. There are a limited number of rooms being held for the convention. You are urged to reserve now. Ask for the Magic Lantern Society rate. The toll free number is 1-800-504-3909 and specify the Red Lion Hotel on Fifth Avenue.

All of the following are within two to four blocks of the hotel. At least two dozen restaurants; shopping, including Pacific Place, Nordstrom, Westlake Center, Macy's, Rainier Square, Niketown, and Union Square. Also, the Seattle Symphony Hall, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Public Library, Pike Place Market, the Washington State Convention Center, and the Monorail Station where a short ride will take you to Seattle Center, the Space Needle, and the Experience Music Project. And don't forget, a coffee shop on just about every corner. All buses within the downtown area are free.

The program for the convention is coming together. Expected are about 15 presentations on Friday and Saturday. Culminating in The American Magic-Lantern Theater's premier Northwest performance in the historic ACT Theater (which is also, only two blocks from the hotel).

Every two years the Society elects officers to serve for the next two years. That process will conclude at the convention. Now is the time to send in your nomination ballots. They were sent out in October and should be returned with your suggestions to Ralph Shape. Nominations will be tabulated and election ballots mailed out in the spring.

Here's your "to do" list: make hotel reservation for the convention; sort your collection, making a list of what you would like to sell or auction; send in your officer nomination form; send in your membership dues for 2006; send the Halls an interesting article about Magic Lanterns; and have a very happy holiday season.



Reminder 2006 Dues are due the begining of the year.

Copy and submitt to Ralph Shape by Jan. 15, 2006

Nomination Form for Officers

The officers of the Society shall be (a) President, (b) Vice President, (C) Secretary, (d) Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. All officers shall be elected by mail ballot and shall serve for two years beginning after their election, may be re-elected, with the exception of the President, who may only serve consecutively two terms. Present officers eligible for re-election:
President: Sharon Koch
Vice President: Larry Rakow
Secretary/ Treasurer: Dick Moore

Nominations:

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary/ Treasurer: _____

Please return ballots by January 15, 2006 to:
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